been registered on 17-12-1990. The driver and cleaner of the said truck have been arrested.

(c) and (d) An enquiry by a technical committee has been ordered by the Ministry. This committee has been directed to submit its report within one month.

Combating mosquito borne diseases

435. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep rise in mosquito borne diseases like malignant malaria and encephalitis which has caused many deaths; and

(b) if so, what effective steps Government propose to take to combat these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) and (b) No, there has been no steep rise in the incidence of malignant malaria and encephalitis during 1990 and deaths due to them as compared to 1989.

The following specific steps are being continued to combat Japanese Encephalitis/Malaria:—

MALARIA:

— Selective judicious residual insecticidal spray with appropriate insecticide.

— Fortnightly surveillance for detection and treatment of cases.

— Bio-environmental control methods through minor engineering modification in rural areas and anti-larval measures through chemicals and use of larviverous fish and environmental management in urban areas.

— Intensification of special inputs in highly malarious areas with emphasis on personal protection measures, community involvement through health education etc.

JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS:

— Early diagnosis and prompt treatment of Japanese Encephalitis.

— Health Education to improve awareness and community participation in the programme for prevention and control of Japanese Encephalitis.

— Vector control to prevent transmission through insecticidal spray with appropriate insecticides.

— *Vaccination trials for prevention* of Japanese Encephalitis in endemic areas.

— N.I.V. Pune, NICD, Delhi, S.T.M. Calcutta and All India Institute of Hygiene and P.H. Calcutta have been involved for epidemiological investigations and viral confirmation.

Import of Petrochemical intermediates

436. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to import petrochemical intermediates like Ethylene, propylene etc from the Middle East and other countries; and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether suitable ports are identified and adequate storage facilities are created for these intermediates?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Import of intermediates like Ethylene, propylene etc. can be made by the users directly in accordance with the